

PLAN OF THE WEEK

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Command Column

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The column I wrote last week set a TRACEN record for number of comments received about a Command Column. Both YN2 Lorino and I received emails and phone calls about how much they appreciated the recognition for the CMAA and his staff. Some went so far as to let us know that not only was the leadership excellent, but that the followers were excellent as well.

I received numerous comments about how the non-rate workforce was so well-mannered and helpful and how these future students were such great representatives of "America's Youth". Thanks for all the comments. As always, it was nice to hear good news when the misadventures of young people often get so much attention and take a great deal of my time.

The only problem with all the feedback was that I got the impression people actually read this column, which, of course, put enormous pressure on me. So much pressure that I couldn't think of anything more important to say this week than I just did.

Thanks for the feedback... now the pressure's off...see you next week.

Congratulations:

FS3 Tom Nichols and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, 7 lbs 9 oz, 19" long, named Samantha Lynn Catherine, born on 9 March.

DCC Christopher Evans and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, 7 lbs 14 oz, 21" long, named William Christopher, born on 13 March.

GM1 Andres Munoz will be advanced to GMC on 1 April.

MKC Glen A. Ayers has recently received his Instructor Qualification.

Thoughts from Last Week:

--- Planning continues for the JCOC and CG Missions Day events, which will be held aboard TRACEN Yorktown on 4 and 5 May 2000. CDR Steve Corporon is planning both these "All Hands" events. Stand by for more information and tasking.

--- Congratulations to all those prospective Chief Warrant Officers who received orders. As of today, 12 people from TRACEN Yorktown will be promoted to CWO2 on 1 June 2000.

--- Every week the International Training Division is actively engaged in training other host nations. Some examples of training done by ITD this past week are: supporting IMOC by assisting with mock boardings; a continued presence in Panama, Haiti, Peru, Bolivia, and Antigua; conducting an outboard motor maintenance course in Benin and a Boarding Officer Course in Thailand; staffing a 2nd Caribbean Support Tender deployment to train in law enforcement and machinery repair. All this was done at the same time their division chief was attending an international meeting in Thailand. Great job!

A Look Ahead:

17 MAR: 0830, QM "A" 04-00 Graduation, Canfield Entrance Alcove, QMCS Wolf, x2213.

17 MAR: 0930, FT "A" 01-00 Graduation, Taylor Gun Deck, FT1 Slauenwhite, x2334.

17 MAR: RADM Olsen Guest Speaker for Mentoring Course Graduation.

18 MAR: 0830-1600, USCG Auxiliary SAR Course, Hamilton, LT Bradley, x2497.

21-24 MAR: Career Enrichment Seminar, Lynne Akens, x2204.

21 MAR: 1830, IMOC Class 2-00 Graduation Dinner, Port of York.

22 MAR: 1030, IMOC Class 2-00 Graduation, CAPT Sande, Guest Speaker, Washington Auditorium.

Important Items to Know:

⚓ The Park Service has closed the Battlefield Park from Wormley Creek to Cook Road to all traffic (foot, bike, car) until bridge repairs are complete next spring. This includes the road between the gates and woods not accessible from other tour roads. All permanent party and students need to stay out of the gated area when walking, running, hiking, biking, etc. Park rangers will be looking for people in that area and violators could be arrested for trespassing on federal property.

⚓ Thanks to all who participated in the CGEA, CPOA, and YOA Chili Cook-off. Congratulations to this year's winners!

1st Place: YN2 Gary Perriman; 2nd Place: LT Mark Emmons; and 3rd Place: YN1 Stan Hyatt.

⚓ On March 27, April 3, and April 17, Substances Abuse Free Environment (SAFE) training will be provided for Permanent Party personnel. Members are required to receive their level of training at least once in their careers. SAFE training is a leadership-based awareness training program tailored to different levels of the organization. Training will be conducted in the Mini Auditorium, 3rd floor Hamilton Hall. For more information on different levels of training, times, and reservations, contact LTJG Mike DaPonte, CDAR Team Leader, x2202.

⚓ The Spring Red Cross Blood Drive is on! It will be held on 30 March, between 1000 and 1400, in Steuben Hall. For more information, contact LT Martin Malloy, x2359.

"Setting a goal is like setting a needle in your compass. From then on, the compass knows only one point - its ideal. And it will guide you there through the darkest nights and the fiercest storms."

Chaplain's Corner:

Worship Opportunities at Olde Yorke Chapel:

0945 & 1630 Sunday Roman Cathoss

1140 1100 Sunday Protestant Worship

1145 Daily Roman Catholic

1140 0630 Promise Keepers on Tuesday & Thursday

1140 1140 Ladies Bible Study every Thursday

There is also a mid-week Bible study at the Chapel every Wednesday, from 1140-1230. This is open to all personnel and their families.

Safety Tip:

HOW SAFE IS THE OFFICE?

- ❖ Watch out for wet floors.
- ❖ Don't leave file drawers open.
- ❖ Be careful at blind corners.
- ❖ Don't read correspondence while walking.

For more information, contact Roger West, Safety Manager, x2148.

IRM Tip:

Remember that your desktop is for storing shortcuts. Documents and folders should be stored on your U drive. Storing these on the desktop will slow down your logon, significantly in some cases, and can cause network problems in some areas of TRACEN.

Web site:

This link has policy and a checklist for Tuition Assistance applications:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/voled/tuition1/tuition.htm>

Personnel Manual COMDTINST M1000.6A:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g%2Dw/g%2Dwp/g%2Dwpm/webhelp/Welcome.htm>

Information about GI Bill benefits, Scholarships, State Educational Aid, etc:

<http://gibillexpress.com>